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Chattering Magpies - Lorinda Jones, Greta Gillmeister to Perform Holiday Music at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Nov. 30, Lorinda Jones and Greta Gillmeister of the group Chattering Magpies, open the holiday shopping season by performing Christmas music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

This female instrumental duo from Kentucky consists of Jones on Irish harp and dulcimer and Gillmeister on Irish flute and whistle. The Chattering Magpies intricately weave the feeling of Celtic music into their holiday songs with the Irish harp, flute, dulcimer and whistle. From toe-tapping renditions of holiday favorites to hauntingly beautiful traditional Christmas carols, visitors will enjoy their experience at the Center, drawn to these beautiful and unusual instruments and live music.

As musicians and certified music therapists, both Jones and Gillmeister believe that the ancient tunes of the Celts encompass the range of human emotions. They perform at traditional dulcimer and Irish festivals, teach workshops on their respective instruments, and conduct sessions for retreats and special wellness programs.

Recordings by the Chattering Magpies are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed gifts and ribbons in University of Kentucky blue and University of Louisville red. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentucky.artisan.center, ky.gov.

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